

## Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile TENNESSEE

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program

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| <b>Focus Areas Funded</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities (Funded Year 2)</li> <li>• Laboratory Capacity - Biological Agents</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Tennessee has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing overall laboratory capacity to detect and diagnose biological agents;</li> <li>• Reviewing current laboratory protocols;</li> <li>• Contracting with Memphis and Shelby counties for laboratory enhancement;</li> <li>• Participating in numerous conferences, presentations and seminars on bioterrorism topics, including public health response to bioterrorism, laboratory design and methods, and preparedness; and,</li> <li>• Completing a public health assessment of bioterrorism preparedness in 94 of 95 counties.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing emergency notification systems for disseminating health alerts;</li> <li>• Exploring syndromic surveillance, including surveillance for influenza-like illness, medical examiner reports, poison control center data and 911-call monitoring;</li> <li>• Identifying a coordinator to integrate activities, lead the preparedness and planning process, engage partners, and review and analyze surveillance data;</li> <li>• Developing training for public health and hospital staff, physicians and laboratorians;</li> <li>• Implementing electronic laboratory reporting;</li> <li>• Improving overall capabilities to detect and identify biologic agents that could be used in a terrorist event;</li> <li>• Conducting comprehensive training for laboratory staff; and,</li> <li>• Purchasing equipment to perform serology and PCR for potential bioterrorism agents</li> </ul> |

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